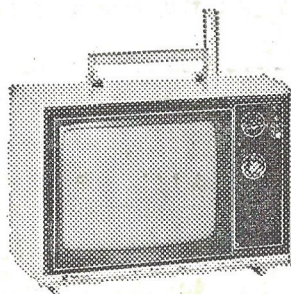

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FOREWORD



May I firstly extend to all those who gave me such wonderful support in the 1976 season my sincere thanks for a job well done. As a result of all your efforts, the 1977 season promises to be the most challenging we will have faced for we are about to tread the paths of those stalwarts who originally brought soccer to Bendigo.

Even I am excited to know that this year we will be attempting to start a Bendigo City side which we hope will play in the Provisional League in Melbourne. The home ground of this team will of course be Beischer Park with its first class facilities, which have been provided by the Strathfieldsaye Council. This news will, I hope, stir the memories of many of the original Bendigo United team of bygone days. If we are successful it could be the start of State League Soccer coming to Bendigo.

Exciting ventures planned for this year include another indoor five-a-side championship and a program of testing matches for our Senior and Junior representative teams.

By the time this goes to print we will have held our first weekend Coaching course organised by the State Director of Coaching in Victoria, Mr. Ron Smith, and we must record our thanks to the Victorian Soccer Association for their assistance in bringing this about. From this we hope to organise a Coaching Certificate Course later in the year or early next year in order to make sure that our young players can fully develop their natural talent with expert guidance.

My task will be to ask you to again give us your support in any way you can for it is your efforts that have brought the Bendigo Soccer League a reputation that has become respected throughout Victoria.

STAN HODSON,

President,

Bendigo Soccer League.

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1977 CLUB LIST

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Ground: Beischer Oval, Strathdale Park, Bendigo.

Colours: White Shirts with Black and Red Trimmings, Black Shorts, White Socks.

Secretary: Mr. N. Cramer, 23 Rose Street, Bendigo, 3550. Phone 43 4693 (home).

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Ground: Kyneton High School.

Colours: Red Shirts with White Vertical Stripes, Black Collar and Cuffs, Black Shorts, Black and Red Socks.

Secretary: Mr. M. Samuel, c/o Youth Training Centre, Malmsbury, 3446. Phone 23 2201 message only (office) or Mrs. W. Eglington 22 1844 (home).

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Ground: Newman Oval, Puckapunyal.

Colours: Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, White Socks.

Secretary: Mr. A. Rowe, 37 Alamein Road, Puckapunyal, 3662. Phone (057) 93 7159 (office).

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Ground: Shadforth Park, North Bendigo.

Colours: Gold Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks.

Secretary: Mr. A. Newton, 2 Raymond Street, Bendigo, 3550. Phone 42 1080 (home) or Dr. D. Ross, P.O. Box 558, Bendigo, 3550. Phone 43 0628 (home).

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Ground: Ansett Ground, Seymour.

Colours: Yellow Shirts with Black Trimmings, Black Shorts, Yellow Socks.

Secretary: Mr. W. Snedden, 5 Jordan Street, Seymour, 3662. Phone: (057) 93 1396 (office) or Mr. T.O'Neil (057) 92 1202.

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Ground: Epsom.

Colours: Red Shirts with White Trimmings, Red Shorts, Red Socks.

Secretary: Mr. P. Coombes, 25 Osborne Street, Flora Hill, Bendigo, 3550. Phone 43 0377 (office) or Mr. K. Logan 43 9702 (home).

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Ground: Beischer Oval, Strathdale Park, Bendigo.

Colours: Blue and White Striped Shirts, White Shorts, White Socks.

Secretary: Mr. P. Mahieu, 35 Williamson Street, Bendigo, 3550. Phone 43 9132 (home).

A HISTORY OF THE BENDIGO SOCCER LEAGUE

In 1950, Mr. Walter Clayton advertised in the Bendigo Advertiser for people interested in establishing a soccer team in Bendigo. The response was sufficient to establish the game for the next sixteen years and provide the basis for the present Bendigo Soccer League.

During the sixteen years, the blue and white colours of Bendigo United were seen in Competitions all over the State of Victoria: from Melbourne to Moe, Seymour to Swan Hill, and in Kerang, Geelong, Ballarat, Shepparton, Tongala, Echuca, Merbein, Castlemaine and Kyneton. In one season these intrepid pioneers, and they had to be intrepid, covered a distance of over 8,700 miles, every mile at the player's expense, in search of competition.

Although it was never a particularly successful side, the United did manage to win the Central League Championship on one occasion, and the Knock-Out Cup on another, and, over the years, a number of its players moved on to join State League teams such as Wilhelmina, Hakoah, Polonia and Moreland. The team competed regularly in the Dockerty Cup, but did so with little success. They did however, perform with some credit against teams of the calibre of Wilhelmina, who went on to be the eventual winners of the Cup.

In 1956, the Bendigo side joined the Provisional League in Melbourne. This move entailed travelling to Melbourne and Geelong every second week and the high cost involved, added to the loss of enthusiasm resulting from the refusal of many teams to travel even just once in a season to Bendigo led to the club eventually folding up in the late 1960's, despite the efforts of a few enthusiasts.

Soccer in its present form, hit the Bendigo headlines on November 8th, 1970, when the present Bendigo Soccer League was formed at what has turned out to be an historical and momentous occasion for sport in this area.

Soccer had come back the previous year under the guidance of Ted Ellinghaus who advertised in the local newspaper for soccer players late in 1969. Ted Ellinghaus succeeded in sparking off the old enthusiasm and collected a group of about sixteen players who organised games, coaching and visiting teams from Melbourne. At this stage the games were all played on the old Long Gully Ground.

In the close season plans were made to join several other, already organised, leagues. However, two men, David Wilkinson and Michael John decided otherwise, and with a determination akin to madness — remember Bendigo boasted the strongest Country Australian Rules League in Australia, these two men laid the foundations of the Bendigo Soccer League.

The old Soccer Club was disbanded unceremoniously on November 8, 1970, and the new League was on its way. The four teams to start with were given four players each, the Captain and the Vice-Captain were told of their appointments and told to recruit — "We kick-off in April."

April came with over 60 players registered, trophies and awards to cover everything, ground and equipment, sponsorships and tremendous hope.

On April 4th, 1971, soccer was here to stay — four complete teams lined-up for the Official Opening — fully kitted out, a brand new ground, every local dignitary, T.V. cameras, radio, press and all the trappings including mascots.

The Bendigo Soccer League has since continued to expand with six teams participating in 1972, eight teams in 1973, ten teams in 1974, and eleven teams in 1975 and 1976. The new 1977 season will see the senior league expand to twelve teams with the admission of Deniliquin and a Reserve League consisting of second teams from most clubs as well as a new team from Bendigo rugby soccer club. The number of grounds has continually expanded and in 1977, senior soccer will be played at eleven separate venues.

Junior soccer has also experienced a tremendous boom and in 1977 the

A HISTORY OF THE BENDIGO SOCCER LEAGUE (Continued)

new age groups of under 12, under 14 and under 16 introduced successfully last year will continue.

Many of the original ideas of the Bendigo Soccer League, such as a rule against national teams with every club name to be of a local Bendigo and area flavour and the League Board of Management full control over all clubs, are the envy of the Victorian Soccer Federation and have been heralded by all as great innovations.

AWARDS 1976

League Champions — Dr. J. A. Reilly Cup: GOLDEN CITY

League Runners-Up — Travis Cup: B.I.T.

Knock-Out Cup Winners — A. E. Ellinghaus Cup: B.I.T.

Knockout-Cup Runners-Up — Dr. Beischer trophy: GOLDEN CITY

League Cup Winners — President's Cup: GOLDEN CITY

League Cup Runners-Up — League's Cup: B.I.T.

Most Improved Team — K. Batstra Cup: KYNETON UNITED

Reserve League Champions — Dr. J. A. Reilly Cup — EAGLEHAWK

Reserve League Runners-Up — League's Cup: GOLDEN CITY

Reserve League Cup Winners: EAGLEHAWK

Reserve League Cup Runners-Up: GOLDEN CITY

**George Gerry Player of the Year — George Gerry award
and Jackson Perpetual Cup:** N. COPLAND (Echuca City)

Young Player of the Year: P. HAYE (B.I.T.)

Leading Goalscorer — Viewpoint Trophy: C. RICKETTS (B.I.T.)

Indoor Five-A-Side Champions — K. Batstra Cup: ECHUCA CITY

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| 28—T. Longano (Strathdale) | T. Ellinghaus (Golden City) |
| 26—M. Samuel (Kyneton United) | P. Huen (Kyneton United) |
| 24—J. Van Emmerik (Strathdale) | B. Moore (Colts) |
| 19—S. Nowak (B.I.T.) | J. Papa (Kyneton United) |
| 18—P. Hays (B.I.T.) | W. Nietfield (Strathdale) |
| C. Ricketts (B.I.T.) | 3—R. Alexander (Colts United) |
| 14—B. King (Puckapunyal) | G. Attrill (Kyneton United) |
| G. Speechley (Seymour) | M. Beever (B.I.T.) |
| 13—D. King (Colts) | H. Bernhart (South Bendigo) |
| J. Palmer (Golden City) | S. Butler (Colts) |
| 12—M. Evans (Castlemaine) | M. Enever (South Bendigo) |
| G. Hilson (South Bendigo) | A. French (Puckapunyal) |
| M. Hogan (Eaglehawk) | G. Glentzes (Seymour) |
| 11—R. Evans (Castlemaine) | M. Handley (Castlemaine) |
| L. Miller (Seymour) | E. Inglesis (Echuca City) |
| 10—P. Bennett (Kyneton United) | E. Knight (Puckapunyal) |
| M. Bond (Castlemaine) | C. Morgan (Golden City) |
| J. Brugman (B.I.T.) | C. Phillips (Kyneton United) |
| 9—C. McCuskey (Golden City) | S. Robovic (Strathdale) |
| T. O'Neill (Seymour) | B. Santon (Eaglehawk) |
| N. Phillips (Eaglehawk) | C. Saffroy (Golden City) |
| A. Rowe (Puckapunyal) | H. Schroeder (Colts) |
| 8—O. Davies (Eaglehawk) | R. Skvarc (Eaglehawk) |
| R. Hicks (Golden City) | W. Wallace (Strathdale) |
| H. Jones (Colts) | J. Watson (Golden City) |
| J. Shepherd (Castlemaine) | 2—C. Andrews (Puckapunyal) |
| 7—D. Coulson (Kyneton United) | W. Brisbane (Colts) |
| L. Dankers (South Bendigo) | C. Bogiatzis (Strathdale) |
| M. Georgopolous (Seymour) | A. Bond (Castlemaine) |
| B. Hackett (Kyneton United) | A. Christou (South Bendigo) |
| P. Noulton (Castlemaine) | B. Clark (South Bendigo) |
| P. Smith (Eaglehawk) | J. Coyle (Kyneton United) |
| 6—J. Allen (Eaglehawk) | L. Gould (Golden City) |
| L. Carrington (Echuca City) | M. James (Colts) |
| C. Driver (Puckapunyal) | M. Lindner (Echuca City) |
| E. Kolodziejczyk (Seymour) | K. Logan (South Bendigo) |
| 5—B. Balic (Golden City) | J. Pinneri (Kyneton United) |
| P. Coombes (South Bendigo) | D. Priest (Colts) |
| G. Grenfell (Eaglehawk) | C. Reilly (Golden City) |
| P. Lagerewskij (Echuca City) | J. Reilly (Golden City) |
| M. Mponda (B.I.T.) | J. Orso (Echuca City) |
| D. Phillips (Eaglehawk) | H. Schepers (Strathdale) |
| M. Ryan (Golden City) | 1—A. Balic (Golden City) |
| 4—H. Berens (Seymour) | D. Barthelson (Echuca City) |
| N. Bowland (Eaglehawk) | D. Bolton (Castlemaine) |
| | E. Conning (Castlemaine) |
| | M. Gould (Golden City) |
| | B. Harding (Castlemaine) |
| | T. Holroyd (Puckapunyal) |

GEORGE GERRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR—Continued

P. Jackson (Kyneton United)	R. Noulton (Castlemaine)
L. Jones (Colts)	J. Pancoust (Puckapunyal)
R. Kane (Seymour)	D. Plant (Kyneton United)
D. Keith (Golden City)	R. Seviour (B.I.T.)
R. Linke (B.I.T.)	A. Treloar (South Bendigo)
P. Mahieu (Strathdale)	P. Williams (Echuca City)

1976 — GOAL SCORERS

- 34—C. Ricketts (B.I.T.)
 29—J. Palmer (G.C.)
 22—P. Smith (E'hawk)
 14—S. Parsons (B.I.T.)
 11—F. Mponda (B.I.T.), B. Balic (G.C.), B. Hackett (Ky), A. Rowe (Pucka), L. Miller (Sey)
 10—C. McCuskey (G.C.), D. King (Colts).
 9—J. Brugman (B.I.T.)
 8—R. Evans (C'maine), D. Coulson (Ky), C. Driver (Pucka), T. Holroyd (Pucka).
 7—N. Phillips (E'hawk), O. Davies (E'hawk), S. Rath (Pucka), P. Mahieu (Strath).
 6—R. Colla (C'maine), M. Aitken (E'hawk), M. Lindner (Echuca), M. Georgopoulos (Sey), T. Willemson (S.B.).
 5—B. Harding (C'maine), N. Copland (Echuca), M. Ryan (G.C.), R. Hicks (G.C.), G. Speechley (Sey), T. O'Neil (Sey), T. Longano (Strath).
 4—P. Haye (B.I.T.), L. Carrington (Echuca), J. Papa (Ky), C. Andrews (Pucka), M. Enever (S.B.), A. Christou (S.B.), F. Longano (Strath).
 3—M. Handley (C'maine), C. Saffroy (G.C.), J. Reilly (G.C.), M. Tomkinson (Colts), J. Oliver (Pucka), S. Robovic (Strath), C. Bogiatzis (Strath), D. Jones (Strath).
 2—R. Linke (B.I.T.), M. Evans (C'maine), G. Trewhella (E'hawk), B. Sheppard (E'hawk), R. Dennehy (Echuca), C. Morgan (G.C.), M. Farrar (G.C.), B. Moore (Colts), J. Thompson (Colts), P. Eddy (Colts), R. Ross (Colts), S. Mlakar (Ky), C. Griffiths (Pucka), M. Brewer (Pucka), E. Kolodziejczyk (Sey), M. Watson (S.B.), A. Treloar (S.B.), L. Enever (S.B.), J. Van Emmerik (Strath).
 1—G. Roff (B.I.T.), D. Bolton (B.I.T.), J. Noulton (C'maine), B. Scoles (C'maine), B. Santon (E'hawk), D. Phillips (E'hawk), M. Hogan (E'hawk), B. Lynne (Echuca), C. Reilly (G.C.), J. Green (G.C.), D. Keith (G.C.), L. Jones (Colts), S. Butler (Colts), P. Cameron (Ky), G. Attrill (Ky), M. Samuel (Ky), D. Plant (Ky), B. King (Pucka), P. Gross (Sey), H. Woldhuis (Sey), K. McGreevy (Sey), T. Kuzosko (Sey), R. Kane (Sey), H. Berens (Sey), K. Logan (S.B.), W. Wallace (Strath), T. Cannard (Strath).

Key: G.C. — Golden City; Ky — Kyneton United; E'hawk — Eaglehawk; C'maine — Castlemaine; S.B. — South Bendigo; Sey — Seymour; Strath — Strathdale; P. — Puckapunyal.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1976

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Golden City	20	18	2	0	79	14	38
B.I.T.	20	17	1	2	81	19	35
Eaglehawk	20	13	3	4	58	29	27
Puckapunyal	20	10	3	7	50	39	23
Strathdale	20	9	1	10	31	43	19
Kyneton United	20	8	2	10	32	35	18
Seymour	20	9	0	11	41	55	18
Castlemaine	20	7	1	12	26	41	15
South Bendigo	20	4	4	12	29	57	12
Colts	20	4	2	14	26	63	10
Echuca City	20	0	3	17	16	73	3

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1975

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Strathdale	20	18	2	0	78	17	38
Golden City	20	15	4	1	77	11	34
B.I.T.	20	16	1	3	81	15	33
Seymour	20	13	2	5	63	24	28
Puckapunyal	20	10	3	7	46	38	23
Eaglehawk	20	8	3	9	43	58	19
Colts	20	8	1	11	31	49	17
South Bendigo	20	5	1	14	33	56	12
Castlemaine	20	3	2	15	22	51	9
Kyneton United	20	1	2	17	20	89	4
Echuca City	20	1	2	17	13	99	4

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1974

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Golden City	18	16	1	1	114	8	33
Puckapunyal	18	15	3	0	78	11	33
Strathdale	18	12	3	3	67	21	27
Seymour	18	7	6	5	42	42	20
South Bendigo	18	8	2	8	33	41	18
Eaglehawk	18	7	3	8	40	65	17
Castlemaine	18	5	1	2	22	84	11
B.I.T.	18	4	2	11	30	47	10
Colts	18	2	3	13	20	68	7
Echuca City	18	1	2	15	11	61	4

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1973

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Golden City	21	21	0	0	123	8	42
Seymour	21	16	2	3	89	43	34
South Bendigo	21	11	2	8	60	48	24
Strathdale	21	9	4	8	55	44	22
Puckapunyal	21	9	3	9	58	52	21
Colts	21	6	2	13	40	74	14
B.I.T.	21	3	2	16	35	116	8
Maryborough City	21	1	1	19	15	95	3

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS — 1976

	B	CM	C	E	EC	GC	KU	P	S	SB	Sd
B.I.T.	—	6.1	4.1	0.3	6.1	1.1	2.0	3.1	8.2	8.0	6.0
Castlemaine	0.3	—	3.0	0.0	4.0	2.3	2.0	1.7	3.1	2.0	2.3
Colts	0.3	1.0	—	2.7	4.0	0.6	1.5	1.1	3.1	1.2	1.2
Eaglehawk	1.3	3.0	5.0	—	4.0	0.2	3.0	NG	4.6	5.2	6.2
Echuca City	2.9	0.1	2.5	0.1	—	0.7	0.3	2.3	1.2	2.2	0.4
Golden City	1.0	3.2	4.0	4.2	7.0	—	5.0	6.0	6.1	4.1	0.0
Kyneton United	1.3	1.0	2.1	0.2	2.2	0.3	—	2.1	3.1	5.0	0.1
Puckapunyal	1.4	3.2	8.0	2.2	3.1	1.3	3.2	—	2.3	2.0	2.0
Seymour	1.4	4.0	1.0	2.5	3.1	0.4	1.2	3.2	—	5.2	0.1
South Bendigo	3.4	2.0	3.3	2.2	1.1	2.4	1.0	1.4	1.3	—	3.1
Strathdale	0.3	1.2	3.2	2.3	—	1.4	1.3	1.3	3.1	4.1	—

Code: B — B.I.T.; Cm — Castlemaine; E — Eaglehawk; EC — Echuca City;
GC — Golden City; KU — Kyneton United; P — Puckapunyal; S — Seymour;
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LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS — 1975

	B	CM	C	E	EC	GC	KU	P	S	SB	Sd
B.I.T.	—	3.0	7.1	6.0	6.1	0.1	6.0	7.0	7.3	2.1	0.2
Castlemaine	2.7	—	0.1	1.2	4.1	0.2	4.1	0.5	1.3	1.1	1.3
Colts	0.11	1.0	—	4.1	3.0	2.5	3.1	2.7	0.3	2.0	0.1
Eaglehawk	1.2	3.1	1.0	—	2.2	1.2	6.1	3.0	0.4	3.3	0.3
Echuca City	1.5	2.4	0.6	1.5	—	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.3	1.3	2.5
Golden City	0.1	5.0	4.1	15.0	7.0	—	7.1	1.1	2.1	3.0	1.1
Kyneton United	0.3	3.0	2.2	2.3	0.1	0.5	—	2.3	0.8	3.6	2.7
Puckapunyal	1.2	1.1	2.1	2.2	11.1	0.2	3.0	—	2.1	2.0	1.2
Seymour	1.1	1.0	1.0	3.1	8.0	1.1	8.0	3.0	—	2.1	2.6
South Bendigo	0.5	3.1	1.2	0.5	7.0	0.3	5.2	1.3	0.6	—	0.4
Strathdale	1.0	3.1	3.0	5.4	7.0	1.1	9.0	7.0	2.1	6.1	—

Code: B — B.I.T.; Cm — Castlemaine; E — Eaglehawk; EC — Echuca City;
GC — Golden City; KU — Kyneton United; P — Puckapunyal; S — Seymour;
SB — South Bendigo; Sd — Strathdale.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS — 1974

	B	Cm	C	E	EC	GC	P	S	SB	Sd
B.I.T.	—	10.0	2.3	2.4	4.0	0.4	0.3	2.2	0.1	1.1
Castlemaine	2.0	—	6.3	1.4	0.1	0.2	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.9
Colts	0.2	1.3	—	3.6	0.0	1.8	1.5	2.2	0.2	0.2
Eaglehawk	4.2	3.2	1.1	—	4.3	1.12	0.4	2.6	0.4	2.3
Echuca City	0.1	0.3	1.3	2.3	—	1.6	0.4	1.4	1.2	0.8
Golden City	9.0	19.0	10.0	4.0	10.1	—	2.2	8.0	4.0	3.0
Puckapunyal	4.1	7.0	4.1	8.1	9.0	1.0	—	2.2	5.1	2.0
Seymour	4.2	6.1	5.1	2.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	—	1.0	2.7
South Bendigo	2.1	7.1	6.0	2.2	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.4	—	2.3
Strathdale	4.0	7.1	2.0	4.1	6.0	1.2	2.2	2.2	6.1	—

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KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1976

ROUND 1 —

Puckapunyal 10
South Bendigo 2

Echuca 2
Colts 1

Castlemaine 1
Strathdale 4

Kyneton 0
Seymour 6

Golden City, B.I.T.,
Eaglehawk & Combined
Reserves had a Bye in
Round 1

FINAL — B.I.T. 2 (S. Parsons 2) d Golden City 0

ROUND 2 —

Puckapunyal 0
Golden City 4

Echuca 2
Combined Reserves 1

B.I.T. 5
Strathdale 0

Eaglehawk 2
Seymour 3

SEMI-FINALS —

Golden City 5
Echuca 0

B.I.T. 5
Seymour 2

KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1975

ROUND 1 —

B.I.T. 12
Rochester Wanderers 1

Kyneton United 2†
Colts 0

Puckapunyal 0
South Bendigo 1

Swan Hill 1
Eaglehawk 2

S.V.C. Bendigo 2*
Echuca City 2*

Castlemaine 0
Golden City 4

Strathdale 3
Seymour 2

Combined Reserves 7
Balranald 2

† Played at Castlemaine

FINAL — B.I.T. 0 Strathdale 1 (P. Hall)

ROUND 2 —

B.I.T. 7
Kyneton United 0

South Bendigo 3
Eaglehawk 4

Echuca City 0
Golden City 10

Strathdale 10
Combined Reserves 1

SEMI-FINALS —

B.I.T. 9
Eaglehawk 0

Golden City 2
Strathdale 4

* Echuca City won 7-6 after penalties

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KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1974

FIRST ROUND —

ECHUCA CITY 3*†
SOUTH BENDIGO 3*
B.I.T. Bye

COLTS Bye
MALMSBURY 1
SWAN HILL 3

CASTLEMAINE 4
SEYMOUR 0
STRATHDALE Bye

GOLDEN CITY 4
EAGLEHAWK 0
PUCKAPUNYAL Bye

SECOND ROUND —

ECHUCA CITY 2*
B.I.T. 2*†

COLTS 0
SWAN HILL 4

CASTLEMAINE 1
STRATHDALE 3

GOLDEN CITY 1
PUCKAPUNYAL 3

SEMI FINAL —

B.I.T. 4
SWAN HILL 1

STRATHDALE 1
PUCKAPUNYAL 4

* After extra time † Echuca City won 7-5 on penalties ‡ B.I.T. won 6-4 on penalties.

FINAL —

B.I.T. 2
(M. Mponda, A. Takakis)
After extra time. 90 minutes score 1-1.

PUCKAPUNYAL 2
(B. Harris, T. Szelest)

FINAL REPLAY —

B.I.T. 2
(M. Mponda, R. Wong)
After extra time. 90 minutes score 1-1.

PUCKAPUNYAL 1
(K. Harvey)

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KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1973

FIRST ROUND —

GOLDEN CITY 7
MARYBOROUGH CITY 0
SEYMOUR 7
B.I.T. 0

COLTS 1
PUCKAPUNYAL 2
SOUTH BENDIGO 5*
STRATHDALE 3*

* After extra time

SEMI FINAL —

GOLDEN CITY 3
SEYMOUR 0

PUCKAPUNYAL 0
SOUTH BENDIGO 3

FINAL —

GOLDEN CITY 3
SOUTH BENDIGO 1

LEAGUE CUP — 1976

Standings after preliminary rounds were:

GROUP A

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Puckapunyal	2	2	—	8	3	4
Strathdale	2	1	1	4	5	2
Castlemaine	2	—	2	5	9	0

GROUP B

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Golden City	2	2	—	12	2	4
Eaglehawk	2	1	1	3	10	2
Kyneton	2	—	2	1	3	0

GROUP C

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
B.I.T.	2	2	—	16	3	4
Colts	2	1	1	6	6	2
Echuca	2	—	2	1	14	0

GROUP D

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
South Bendigo	1	1	—	4	0	2
Seymour	1	—	1	0	4	0

SEMI-FINALS —

Golden City 10 d South Bendigo 1
B.I.T. 4 d Puckapunyal 3

FINAL —

Golden City 3 (B. Balic 3) d B.I.T. 1 (R. Linke)

KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1972

FIRST ROUND —

GOLDEN CITY 9
MARYBOROUGH CITY 0
SANDHURST Bye
B.I.T. Bye
STRATHDALE 1
SOUTH BENDIGO 2

SEMI FINAL —

GOLDEN CITY 5
SANDHURST 0
B.I.T. 1*
SOUTH BENDIGO 1*†

FINAL —

GOLDEN CITY 2*
SOUTH BENDIGO 1*

* After extra time † South Bendigo won 4-3 on penalties.

KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1971

SEMI FINAL —

GOLDEN CITY 4
STRATHDALE 0
B.I.T. 0
SOUTH BENDIGO 3

FINAL —

GOLDEN CITY 2*
SOUTH BENDIGO 2*

FINAL REPLAY —

GOLDEN CITY 6
SOUTH BENDIGO 0

* After extra time.

DISCIPLINARY CODE

Recently the discretionary power of the referee in relation to misconduct has been removed from the Laws of the Game of soccer and therefore any player guilty of a cautionable or sending off offence must be dealt with accordingly.

The following are cautionable offences:—

- Entering, re-entering or leaving the field of play without the permission of the referee.
- Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game.
- Dissent either verbal or by action against a decision made by the referee.
- Ungentlemanly conduct.

A player shall be sent off the field if:—

- In the opinion of the referee he is guilty of violent conduct or serious foul play.
- He uses foul or abusive language.
- He persists in misconduct (i.e. commits another cautionable offence), after having received a caution.

This Disciplinary Code incorporates a system of penalty points with fixed points for every offence for which a player can be cautioned.

If a player tallies twelve (12) penalty points in one season he will automatically be suspended for two (2) Championship or Cup games without any right of appeal. On return after suspension for having tallied twelve (12) penalty points a player will start again with a clean penalty points record. A record of penalty points will be kept on the player's registration card and players whose tally of penalty points reaches a total of eight (8) in one season will be notified of their imminent suspension by letter to their registered address. The accidental omission to give such notice or the non-receipt of such notice by any player(s) will not invalidate any suspension incurred.

Players who have been sent off the field are automatically suspended for three (3) Championship or Cup games. Players will have the right of appeal to the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee against being sent off provided the appeal is lodged with the League's General Secretary not later than 5.00 p.m. on the Tuesday of the week following the match during which the offence occurred. Players who are found guilty of a sending off offence on appeal by the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee must be suspended for three (3) matches although the number of matches for which a player is suspended can be increased at the discretion of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee. All appeals against being sent off must be accompanied by a deposit of \$5.00 and such deposit will be refunded at the discretion of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.

The referee's report on the sending off of any player will also be considered by the League and the League will have the option of increasing the length of the suspension as it sees fit. Players who are suspended two or more times in one season will be expected to appear before the League and explain their actions and such players may be subject to further suspension for bringing the game into disrepute.

The penalty points system is entirely independent and penalty points cannot be cancelled in any way during the season. Penalty points accumulated by a player lapse at the conclusion of the playing season.

Suspensions both for being sent off and for receiving more than twelve penalty points in one season will be completed in full and may extend into the next playing season.

A player who is sent from the field is not allowed to stand on the touchline until he has changed out of his playing strip. He is still regarded as being under the jurisdiction of the referee until the match is completed, and the referee has left the ground.



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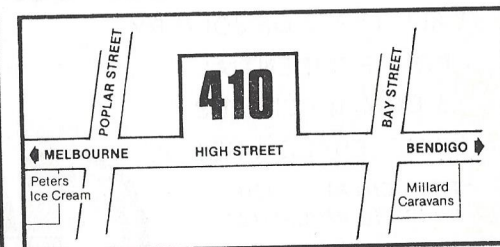
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5. Dissent against a referee's decision.

THREE POINTS —

1. Deliberate obstruction.
2. Persistent infringement of the Laws.
3. Ungentlemanly conduct.
4. Seeking to gain an unfair advantage.

TWO POINTS —

1. Intentional holding, pushing or pulling of an opponent.
2. Encroachment within nine (9) metres at a free kick.
3. Deliberate handling of the ball.
4. Wasting time.
5. Moving arms about to obstruct an opponent.
6. Goalkeeper lying on the ball to waste time.
7. Distracting opponents at a free kick.
8. Encroachment into penalty area at a penalty kick.
9. Gesticulating by Penalty taker.
10. Distracting an opponent at a throw-in.

ONE POINT —

1. Entering, re-entering or leaving the field of play without the referee's permission.
2. Using a colleague's back to assist in getting the ball.

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THE LAWS OF THE GAME

For a more detailed guide to the Laws of the Game reference should be made to the Football Association publication "Referees' Chart and Players' Guide to the Laws of Association Football."

NUMBER OF PLAYERS (LAW THREE) —

- (1) A match shall be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eleven players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper.
- (2) Substitutes may be used in any match played under the rules of a competition, subject to the following conditions.
 - (a) that the authority of the International Association(s) or National Association(s) concerned, has been obtained.
 - (b) that, subject to the restriction contained in the following paragraph (c), the rules of a competition shall state how many, if any, substitutes may be used, and
 - (c) that a team shall not be permitted to use more than two substitutes in any match.
- (3) Any of the other players may change places with the goalkeeper, provided that the referee is informed before the change is made, and provided also, that the change is made during a stoppage in the game.
- (4) When a goalkeeper or any other player is to be replaced by a substitute, the following conditions shall be observed:
 - (a) the referee shall be informed of the proposed substitution before it is made.
 - (b) the substitute shall not enter the field of play until the player he is replacing has left, and he has received a signal from the referee.
 - (c) he shall enter the field during a stoppage of the game, and at the halfway line.
- (5) A match should not be considered valid if there are fewer than seven players in either of the teams.
- (6) A player who has been replaced shall not take any further part in the game.
- (7) A substitute shall be deemed to be a player and shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not.

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PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT (LAW FOUR) —

A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player. Footwear (boots or shoes) must conform to the following standard:—

- (a) bars shall be made of leather or rubber and shall be transverse and flat, not less than half an inch in width and shall extend the total width of the sole and be rounded at the corners.
- (b) Studs which are independently mounted on the sole and are replaceable shall be made of leather, rubber, aluminium, plastic or similar material and shall be solid. With the exception of that part of the stud forming the base, which shall not protrude from the sole more than one quarter of an inch, studs shall be round in plan and not less than half an inch in diameter. Where studs are tapered the minimum diameter of any section of the stud must not be less than half an inch. Where metal seating for the screw type is used, this seating must be embedded in the sole of the footwear and any attachment screw shall be part of the stud. Other than the metal seating for the screw type of stud, no metal plates even though covered with leather or rubber shall be worn, neither studs which are threaded to allow them to be screwed on to a base screw that is fixed by nails or otherwise to the soles of footwear, nor studs which, apart from the base, have any form of protruding edge rim, or relief marking, or ornament should be allowed.
- (c) Studs which are moulded as an integral part of the sole and are not replaceable shall be made of rubber, plastic, polyurethane or similar soft materials. Provided that there are no fewer than ten studs on the sole, they shall have a minimum diameter of three-eighths of an inch (10mm). In all other respects they shall conform to the general requirements of this law.
- (d) Combined bars and studs may be worn, provided the whole conforms to the general requirements of this law. Neither bars nor studs on the soles shall project more than three-quarters of an inch. If nails are used they shall be driven in flush with the surface.

The goalkeeper shall wear colours which distinguish him from the other players and from the referee.

LINESMEN (LAW SIX) —

Two Linesmen shall be appointed, whose duty (subject to the decision of the Referee) shall be to indicate when the ball is out of play and which side is entitled to the corner-kick, goal-kick, or throw-in. They shall also assist the Referee to control the game in accordance with the Laws. In the event of undue interference or improper conduct by a Linesman, the Referee shall dispense with his service and arrange for a substitute to be appointed. (The matter shall be reported by the Referee to the competent authority). The Linesmen should be equipped with flags by the Club on whose ground the match is played.

DURATION OF THE GAME (LAW SEVEN) —

The duration of the game shall be two equal periods of 45 minutes unless otherwise mutually agreed upon, subject to the following:—

- (a) allowance shall be made in either period for all time lost through accident or other cause, the amount of which shall be a matter for the discretion of the Referee.
- (b) Time shall be extended to permit of a penalty kick being taken at or after the expiration of the normal period in either half.

At half time the interval shall not exceed five minutes except by consent of the Referee.

THE START OF PLAY (LAW EIGHT) —

- (a) At the beginning of the game, choice of ends and the kick-off shall be decided by the toss of a coin. The team winning the toss shall have the option of choice of ends or the kick-off. The referee having given a signal, the game shall be started by a player taking a place-kick (i.e. a kick at the ball while it is stationary on the ground in the centre of the field of play) into his opponents' half of the field of play. Every player shall be in his own half of the field and every player of the team opposing that of the kicker shall remain not less than 10 yards from the ball until it is kicked-off; it shall not be deemed in play until it has travelled the distance of its own circumference. The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been touched or played by another player.
- (b) After a goal has been scored, the game shall be re-started in the like manner by a player of the team losing the goal.
- (c) After half-time; when re-starting after half-time, ends shall be changed and the kick-off shall be taken by a player of the opposite team to that of the player who started the game.

BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY (LAW NINE) —

The Ball is out of play:—

- (a) when it has wholly crossed the goal-line or touch-line, whether on the ground or in the air.
- (b) When the game has been stopped by the Referee.

The ball is in play at all other times from the start of the match to the finish including:—

- (a) If the ball rebounds from a goal-post, cross-bar or corner flag post into the field of play.
- (b) If it rebounds off either the Referee or Linesmen when they are in the field of play.
- (c) In the event of a supposed infringement of the Laws, until a decision is given.

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METHOD OF SCORING (LAW TEN) —

A goal is scored when the whole of the ball has passed over the goal line, between the goal-posts and under the crossbar provided it has not been thrown, carried or propelled by hand or arm, by a player of the attacking side, except in the case of a goalkeeper, who is within his own penalty area.

A goal may be scored direct from a corner kick but not from a goal kick, throw-in or kick-off.

The team scoring the greater number of goals during a game shall be the winner; if no goals, or an equal number of goals are scored, the game shall be termed a "draw".

OFF-SIDE (LAW ELEVEN) —

- (1) A player is off-side if he is nearer his opponents' goal-line than the ball at the moment the ball is played unless:—
 - (a) he is in his own half of the field of play.
 - (b) there are two of his opponents nearer to their own goal-line than he is.
 - (c) the ball last touched an opponent or was last played by him.
 - (d) He receives the ball direct from a goal-kick, a corner-kick, a throw-in, or when it was dropped by the referee.
- (2) Off-side shall not be judged at the moment the player in question receives the ball, but at the moment when the ball is passed to him by one of his own side. A player who is not in an off-side position when one of his colleagues passes the ball to him or takes a free-kick does not therefore become off-side if he goes forward during the flight of the ball.

MISCONDUCT AND FOULS (LAW TWELVE) —

A player who intentionally commits any of the following nine offences shall be penalised by the award of a direct free kick to be taken by the opposing side.

- (i) Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent.
- (ii) Trips an opponent.
- (iii) Jumps at an opponent.
- (iv) Charges an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner.

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- (v) Charges an opponent from behind (unless the opponent is obstructing).
- (vi) Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent.
- (vii) Holds an opponent with his hand or any part of his arm.
- (viii) Pushes an opponent.
- (ix) Handles the ball (this does not apply to the goal-keeper within his own penalty area).

Should a defender intentionally commit one of the above offences within his own penalty area he shall be penalised by a penalty-kick. A penalty-kick can be awarded irrespective of the position of the ball, if in play, at the time an offence within the penalty area is committed.

A player committing any of the five following offences:—

- (1) Playing in a manner considered by the Referee to be dangerous e.g. attempting to kick the ball while it is held by the goal-keeper.
- (2) Charging fairly, i.e. with the shoulder, when the ball is not within playing distance of the players concerned and they are definitely not trying to play it.
- (3) When not playing the ball, intentionally obstructing an opponent, i.e. running between the opponent and the ball or interposing the body so as to form an obstacle to an opponent.
- (4) Charging the goal-keeper except when he:—
 - (a) is holding the ball,
 - (b) is obstructing an opponent,
 - (c) has passed outside his goal-area.
- (5) When playing as goal-keeper:—
 - (a) takes more than 4 steps whilst holding, bouncing or throwing the ball in the air and catching it again without releasing it so that it is played by another player, or
 - (b) indulges in tactics which, in the opinion of the Referee, are designed merely to hold up the game and thus waste time and so give an unfair advantage to his own team.

shall be penalised by the award of an indirect free-kick to be taken by the opposing side from the place where the infringement occurred.

A player shall be cautioned if:—

- (1) he enters or re-enters the field of play to join or re-join his team after the game has commenced, or leaves the field of play during the progress of the game (except through accident) without, in either case, first having received a signal from the Referee showing him that he may do so. If the Referee stops the game to administer the caution the game shall be re-started by an indirect free-kick taken by a player of the opposing team from the place where the offending player was when the Referee stopped the game. If, however, the offending player has committed a more serious offence he shall be penalised according to that section of the law he infringed.
 - (2) he persistently infringes the laws of the game.
 - (3) he shows by word or action, dissent from any decision given by the Referee.
 - (4) he is guilty of ungentlemanly conduct.
- For any of these last three offences, in addition to the caution an indirect free-kick shall also be awarded to the opposing side from the place where the offence occurred, unless a more serious infringement of the laws of the game, was committed.
- A player shall be sent off the field of play if:—
- (a) in the opinion of the Referee, he is guilty of violent conduct or serious foul play.
 - (b) he uses foul or abusive language;

(c) he persists in misconduct after having received a caution. If play be stopped by reason of a player being ordered from the field for an offence without a separate breach of the Law having been committed, the game shall be resumed by an indirect free-kick awarded to the opposing side from the place where the infringement took place.

The following should also be noted in interpreting this Law:—

- a. If the goalkeeper either intentionally strikes an opponent by throwing the ball vigorously at him, or pushes him with the ball while holding it, the Referee shall award a penalty-kick, if the offence took place within the penalty-area.
- b. If a player deliberately turns his back to an opponent when he is about to be tackled, he may be charged but not in a dangerous manner.
- c. In case of body-contact in the goal-area between an attacking player and the opposing goalkeeper not in possession of the ball, the Referee, as sole judge of intention, shall stop the game if, in his opinion, the action of the attacking player was intentional, and award an indirect free-kick.
- d. If a player leans on the shoulders of another player of his own team in front of him in order to head the ball, which he succeeds in doing, the Referee shall stop the game, caution the player for ungentlemanly conduct and award an indirect free-kick to the opposing side.
- e. A player's obligation when joining or rejoining his team after the start of the match to "report to the referee" must be interpreted as meaning to "draw the attention to the Referee from the touch-line". The signal from the Referee shall be made by definite gesture which makes the player understand that he may come into the field of play; it is not necessary for the Referee to wait until the game is stopped (this does not apply in respect of an infringement of Law 4), but the Referee is the sole judge of the moment in which he gives his signal of acknowledgement.
- f. The letter and spirit of Law 12 do not oblige the Referee to stop a game to administer a caution. He may, if he chooses, apply the advantage. If he does apply the advantage, he may caution the player when play stops.
- g. If a player covers up the ball without touching it in an endeavour not to have it played by an opponent, he obstructs but does not infringe Law 12, para 3, because he is already in possession of the ball, and covers it for tactical reasons whilst the ball remains within playing distance. In fact, he is actually playing the ball and does not commit

an infringement, in this case, the player may be charged because he is in fact playing the ball.

- h. If a player intentionally stretches his arms to obstruct an opponent and steps from one side to the other, moving his arms up and down to delay his opponent, forcing him to change course, but does not "bodily contact" the Referee shall caution the player for ungentlemanly conduct and award an indirect free-kick. This applies also to players who attempt to prevent the goalkeeper from putting the ball into play in accordance with Law 12, 5(a).
- i. If after a referee has awarded a free-kick a player protests violently by using abusive or foul language and is sent off the field, the free-kick should not be taken until the player has left the field.
- j. Any player, whether he is within or outside the field of play, whose conduct is ungentlemanly or violent, whether or not it is directed towards an opponent, a colleague, the referee, a linesman or other person, or who uses foul and abusive language, is guilty of an offence and shall be dealt with according to the nature of the offence committed.
- k. If in the opinion of the Referee a goalkeeper intentionally lies on the ball longer than is necessary, he shall be penalised for ungentlemanly conduct, and
 - (a) be cautioned, and an indirect free-kick awarded to the opposing team.
 - (b) In the case of repetition of the offence, be sent off the field.
- l. The offence of spitting at opponents, officials or other persons, or similar unseemly behaviour, shall be considered as violent conduct within the meaning of section (a) above.
- m. If, when a referee is about to caution a player, and before he has done so, the player commits another offence which merits a caution, the player will be sent off the field of play.

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CONSTITUTION

An edited form of the Constitution of the Bendigo Soccer League is reprinted here for the benefit of all players, supporters and other interested persons. A copy of the full Constitution is held by all clubs and Members of the Board of Management and may be consulted at any time.

1. TITLE:

The Title of the League shall be the "Bendigo Soccer League".

4. OBJECTS::

- (a) To support and advance the game of soccer in Bendigo, the surrounding district and elsewhere.
- (b) To promote proper methods and practices of the game of soccer.
- (c) To repress all transgressions of the rules and laws of the game of soccer.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- (a) The Board of Management shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall consist of:—

- (1) President,
- (2) General Secretary,
- (3) Treasurer,

and (4) Six other members (6).

The General Secretary shall be deemed to be the Senior Vice-President and the Treasurer shall be deemed to be the Junior Vice-President. No member club may at any time have more than three (3) representatives on the Board of Management. Any club that is not represented on the Board of Management is expected to send an observer to Board of Management Meetings.

- (b) Where the President, General Secretary, Treasurer or any other member of the Board of Management dies or resigns during his term of office the Board of Management shall be empowered to appoint any of its members to different offices within the Board of Management. A new member(s) shall then be co-opted to the Board of Management to fill the vacancy(s) so caused. Members so co-opted shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting as if they had been elected to the Board of Management.

13. REGISTRATION FEES, AFFILIATION FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Board of Management shall be empowered to fix and/or alter registration fees, affiliation fees and subscriptions before or during any playing season.

14. CONSTITUTION AND RULES:

- (a) The Constitution and Rules of the League may be amended, added to, varied or rescinded in whole or in part.
- (b) Any amendment or alteration must be carried by a majority of two-thirds of all votes cast at the Annual General Meeting. Such amendment shall take effect immediately after being carried at the Annual General Meeting.

15. CLUBS:

- (a) For admission as a member club every applicant shall apply in writing for each and every season.



**GOLDEN CITY SOCCER CLUB, 1976 LEAGUE CUP WINNERS, LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
AND RUNNERS-UP IN THE KNOCK-OUT CUP**

Back Row (left to right): David Keith, Charlie Wood, Joe Reilly, Michael Ryan, Bob Balic, Bob Hicks and Mark Farrar.

Front Row (left to right): Celly McCuskey, Charlie Morgan, Joel Watson, Anton Balic, Michael Gould & Charlie Saffroy.



BENDIGO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (B.I.T.: SOCCER CLUB*, 1976 KNOCK-OUT CUP WINNERS, RUNNERS-UP IN THE LEAGUE CUP, LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP AND FIVE-A-SIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

Back Row (left to right): David Bolton, Glen Roff, Scott Parsons, Chris Ricketts, Manfred Mponda, Max Beever.

Front Row (left to right): Paul Haye, Bob Seviour, Ritchie Champion, John Brugman and Siggie Nowak.

* Now Bendigo College of Advanced Education (B.C.A.E.) Soccer Club



BENDIGO SOCCER LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE TEAM FOR GAME AGAINST NORTHERN VICTORIA SOCCER LEAGUE IN BENDIGO

Back Row (left to right): David Keith (Coach), Merv Samuel (Capt.) (Kyneton), Bob Skvarc (Eaglehawk), Bob Hicks (Golden City), Chris Ricketts (B.I.T.), Mark Farrar (Golden City) and Alec Rowe (Puckapunyal).

Front Row (left to right): Bob Evans (Castlemaine), Siggie Nowak (B.I.T.), Celly McCuskey (Golden City), Eddie Knight (Puckapunyal), John Palmer (Golden City) and Neil Copland (Echuca).



**ECHUCA CITY S.C., WINNERS OF THE INAUGURAL BENDIGO SOCCER LEAGUE
INDOOR FIVE-A-SIDE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Back Row (left to right): Doug Barthelson, Manfred Lindner, Neil Copland (Capt.),* Peter Williams.

Front Row (left to right): Richard Dennehey, Bruce Meagre, Paul Lagerowskij.

* Neil Copland also won the 1976 George Gerry Best and Fairest Award for the Bendigo Soccer League.

- (b) The League shall have absolute discretion to refuse to admit any application to membership.
- (f) No club shall change its name or the colours of its playing outfit without the approval of the League.
- (g) All member clubs shall be responsible for the conduct of their members, players, officers and officials.
- (h) All communications from member clubs to the League must be in writing.
- (i) Schools have first call on all schoolboy players, where any school requires the services of a schoolboy player they must get first consideration. The League shall have power to nullify or otherwise award the result of a game where any member club can be shown to have disregarded this rule.
- (j) Clubs wishing to nominate for the following season must have had their applications in writing received by the Bendigo Soccer League by the 1st December in the year preceding the start of the desired playing season. Such application shall be accompanied by the required registration fee, if any.

16. TRANSFERS:

- (a) No player shall transfer from one club to another club without his consent, the consent of his club and the approval of the League, provided that no club shall unreasonably withhold its consent. It shall be left to the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee to decide whether or not the withholding of such consent was unreasonable and the decision of this Committee shall be final.
- (b) All Clubs must receive permission from a player's previous club and from the League before considering the transfer of any player to be legal.
- (c) The transfer should take the following form:—
 - (i) Written transfer application from the player to his club, with a copy being sent to the General Secretary of the League.
 - (ii) Written decision of his club to the player with a copy being sent to the General Secretary of the League.
 - (iii) Written decision from the League to both the clubs involved and the player.
 - (iv) No transfer shall be deemed to be complete until written confirmation is received from the League.
- (d) A time limit is set on the process laid out in section 16 (c) of one calendar month, subsequent to which the Board of Management will adjudicate alone, should the matter not have already been concluded.
- (e) A player who does not play in Bendigo Soccer League from the 1st January of one year to the 1st January of the following year shall not be required to comply with the above transfer requirements.
- (f) The annual deadline for transfer of players between member clubs shall be the 1st of July or the day on which the final matches of the first round of the League Championships are played, whichever date is the later.

RULES

The following is extracted from the Rules of the Bendigo Soccer League. All clubs and Members of the Board of Management have a full copy of the Rules and these may be consulted at any time.

7. APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:

- (a) The Appeals and Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a panel of twelve members and a quorum of any meeting of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee shall be three members.
- (b) The Appeals and Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to suspend, disqualify, fine or otherwise deal with all members, clubs, leagues, affiliated organisations, players, officers and officials of member clubs and affiliated organisations charged under the Laws of the Game or the Constitution or the Rules or the Disciplinary Code.
- (c) The Appeals and Disciplinary Committee shall be responsible for:—
 - (i) hearing appeals by players who have been sent off the field by a referee against the sending off (and subsequent three match suspension).
 - (ii) Determining the unreasonableness or otherwise by any club of withholding its consent to a transfer of any player or players as provided in clause (15) of the Constitution.
- (e) Players sent off the field of play by a referee are automatically suspended from participating further in games even if they have appealed until the case has been dealt with by the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee. In all cases the General Secretary shall attempt to convene a meeting of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee so that a player's case is heard before he misses a match but if this is impossible for any reason a player may not participate in any game until the case has been dealt with.
- (f) The Appeals and Disciplinary Committee shall not be bound by the legal rules of evidence but shall apply principles of natural justice to all cases which principles shall include the right to be heard in person and the right to legal representation.
- (g) All witnesses summoned to a hearing of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee must attend. If a witness cannot attend then a written apology is expected within seven (7) days and the League retains full disciplinary powers to deal with witnesses who ignore this ruling.
- (h) The appellant must attend the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee Meeting as summoned. The League retains full and further Disciplinary power to deal with appellants who ignore this rule.

8. MATCHES:

- (a) League Championship matches shall be of ninety minutes duration.
- (b) Knock-Out Competition matches save and except for the final shall be of ninety minutes duration. When the scores are even at the expiration of ninety minutes extra time of thirty minutes shall be played after a five minute interval. The teams shall restart the match in the prescribed manner and shall play fifteen minutes each way with a three minute interval at the half-time of extra-time. Where the scores are still even, the result of the match shall be decided by penalty kicks taken in the manner prescribed by the International Football Association Board. The Final shall be of ninety minutes duration. When the scores

are even at the expiration of ninety minutes, extra time of thirty minutes shall be played after a five minutes interval. The teams shall restart the match in the prescribed manner and shall play fifteen minutes each way with a three minute interval at the half-time of extra-time. Where the scores are still even the final shall be replayed. Should the replay of the final still have the scores even after the 120 minutes prescribed playing time the result of the match shall be decided by Penalty Kicks.

- (i) To be eligible to play in an official match a player must have completed the official League registration card and the card must have been signed and dated by the club's secretary. The registration card must have been lodged with the League's General Secretary accompanied by the prerequisite fee at least twenty-four (24) hours before the match in question. Registration cards may be sent to the General Secretary by mail and will take as legal from the date given on the post mark provided the registration card is in order and the prerequisite fee is enclosed. Any club that includes in its team an unregistered player or players will forfeit the match and a score of 2-0 will be awarded to the non-offending club.
- (j) Before each match the club must complete the official league team card listing the names of the eleven players due to play in the match together with up to three substitutes and the number that each player will carry during the match. This team card must be handed to the referee before the start of the match.
- (k) A club may use up to two substitutes in any one match. Once a player has been substituted he may take no further part in the match. Substitutes may be used only as prescribed by the Laws of the Game as set down by the International Football Association Board.
- (l) Suspensions, both for being sent off and for receiving more than twelve penalty points in one season will be completed in full and may extend into the next playing season.
- (m) To be eligible for Knock-Out Cup matches with a specific club at the end of the season a player must have played a minimum of three complete League Championship matches for that Club.

9. PROTESTS:

- (a) All protests outside the ambit of the Disciplinary Code shall be in writing to the League and shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$10.00 and the decision of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee shall be final. Where a protest is withdrawn prior to its determination by the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee such deposit shall be forfeited. In all other cases the deposit may be refunded at the discretion of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.
- (b) A protest against the recording of a result of a match must be delivered during normal business hours to the registered address of the League within forty-eight (48) hours after the termination of the game to which such protest refers.
- (c) A protest against a decision made by the League must be delivered during normal business hours to the registered address of the League within forty-eight (48) hours after the receipt of such a decision by the protester.

BENDIGO JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE

In 1972 junior soccer was started in response to a request from young enthusiasts for an alternative football code. From the outset the newly formed administration determined that all their decisions would be geared to satisfying the youngsters; to maintaining their enthusiasm; to improving their personal performance and to developing their sense of fair play.

As the rewards of any programme are related to the level of involvement of the individual participants the administration has tried to involve as many youngsters as possible in the few short years since the league began. From the initial four team competition the league has grown to a three division, 27 team competition. Even this rapid growth has not been sufficient to cater for the numbers of youngsters wanting to play and so the league waived the generally accepted rules governing the number of substitutes and allowed the under-12 and under-14 teams to play any number of players and to change them on and off the field throughout the game. By doing this it has been possible to involve many more youngsters each Saturday. This year it has been decided that goal averages will not be considered in the hope that it will also encourage coaches to play more of their less skilful players against the weaker teams. The Administration also has made it clear to coaches and supporters that they will not tolerate any encouragement of aggressive play as the protection of the youngsters is of prime concern and it is considered that overly aggressive play tends to reduce the development of skill.

Quite obviously the object of any competitive sport is to win and players should be encouraged to use every practical means of winning within the rules and the spirit of the game. It is hoped that coaches will instil in all their players the attitudes that will allow them to accept success with grace and failure with restraint. The importance of the coaches who work with juniors cannot be overstressed and it is vital to the future of junior soccer that they keep the game in perspective. He must constantly be aware that he is training youngsters not professionals, and that he is there for the players sake, not the other way around. More than anyone else, the coach will determine the participant's level of enjoyment and satisfaction. A thoughtless comment, an outburst of bad temper at players or referee, a lack of encouraging comment to boys who are trying, or simply overlooking the last boy on the bench can destroy weeks of dedicated effort by coach and players. The attitude and character of the coach are usually reflected in the actions of his players.

If junior soccer is to continue to grow in Bendigo a highly skilful and tactically sound game must be developed so that it is satisfying to play and enjoyable to watch. To reach such a standard in Bendigo we need the assistance of experienced players to act as coaches for our juniors have reached the stage where they need this additional expertise.

Experienced players need not worry that their efforts would be judged by their win-loss record, for the Administration is not interested in anything other than their overall contribution to the game, their ability to teach the basic skills and simple tactics and by their efforts to motivate and develop desirable attitudes and conduct in the young players on and off the field.

The Administration would like to thank the few senior players who have helped us in the past and the many schoolboys who have given up so much of their free time to coach, manage and referee. We would also like to repeat what we have already said: we need more senior players to help us out this coming season.

UNDER-16 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
White Hills Tech.	15	10	4	1	69	18	24
South Bendigo	15	8	4	3	59	26	20
Strathdale	15	6	5	4	23	20	17
Kangaroo Flat Tech.	15	5	6	4	41	25	16
Golden City	15	6	1	8	45	44	13
Marist Brothers	15	0	0	15	19	50	0

BARRY MOORE KNOCK-OUT CUP

Cup Final: SOUTH BENDIGO 2 d White Hills Tech. 1.

NOEL BEATON MEDAL — Under-16 Player of the Year

Previous winners: 1972—S. Wood (Golden City)
1973—A. Logan (South Bendigo)
1974—G. Green (White Hills Tech.)
1975—S. McKnight (Kangaroo Flat Tech.)

WINNER 1976

19 votes — D. Bolton (SB)

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UNDER-14 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Golden City/White Hills Tech.	18	18	0	0	112	8	36
Kangaroo Flat Tech.	18	12	1	5	86	21	25
Castlemaine	18	12	1	5	79	21	25
Strathdale	18	11	1	6	72	23	23
Quarry Hill Rovers	18	10	3	5	69	40	23
St. Vincent's	18	6	1	11	15	39	13
Quarry Hill Colts	18	6	0	12	49	119	12
Kangaroo Flat Tech. (B)	18	0	0	18	43	63	0

GEORGE HARPER KNOCK-OUT CUP

Cup Final: KANGAROO FLAT KANGAS 3 d Golden City 2.

LES ROWE MEDAL — Under-14 Player of the Year

Previous winners: 1973—D. Bolton (SB)
1974—P. Harward (Strath.)
1975—R. Gould (Strath.)

WINNERS 1976

27 votes — Dual Winners after Count-back — R. Herrick (KFK) and B. Hill (C'maine)

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UNDER-12 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Strathdale	19	19	0	0	38
Quarry Hill Stars	19	17	0	2	34
White Hills Demonds	19	15	0	4	30
Quarry Hill United	19	12	2	5	26
Golden City	19	10	2	7	22
Epsom	19	8	1	11	17
Quarry Hill Eagles	19	6	1	12	13
South Bendigo	19	5	1	13	11
White Hills Roos	19	4	0	15	8
Eaglehawk	19	3	0	16	6
White Hills Vampires	19	2	1	16	5

LAURIE GOULD KNOCK-OUT CUP

Cup Final: STRATHDALE 4 d Quarry Hill Stars 2.

GEORGE HARPER MEDAL — Under-12 Player of the Year

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WINNER 1976

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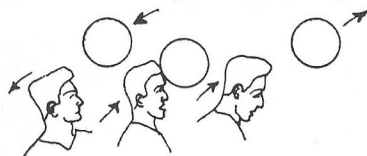
The following represents the first of a series on how to improve your play. Some of the basic skills of the game, i.e., heading, receiving the ball and tackling are outlined, along with many practice routines for improving these skills.

HEADING

Heading the ball is a technique of particular importance for back and forward players and one which all players should try to develop.

When introducing heading to beginners try to build confidence quickly. This will be aided by using a lightweight ball so that mistakes will not be painful. A ball which has been let down slightly will also be more comfortable to head in the early stages. The technique of heading is shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1



Contact with the ball is made with the forehead, the neck muscles held firm and eyes on the ball. The head follows through after contact. Power may be obtained by flexing the knees and then straightening on impact. The feet should be comfortably apart to provide a balanced position.

Introductory Practice

- Throw the ball in the air, head and catch it.
- Try to head the ball as many times as possible.
- Throw the ball to a partner, 4 metres away, and head to each other.

As confidence increases the players may be encouraged to increase the power in the heading by arching the back and then coming forward from the hips to head through the ball. The feet should be apart and the knees flexed to allow backward and forward movement of the body, as in Fig. 2.

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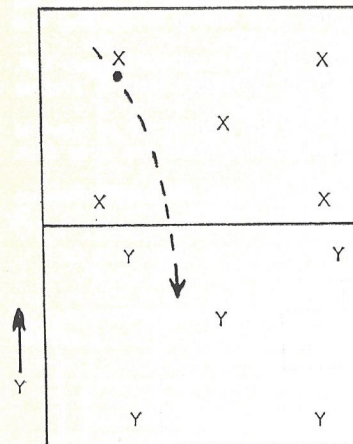
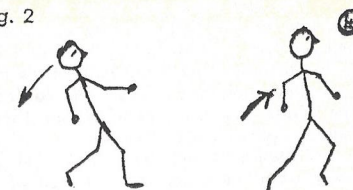


Fig. 2



HEAD TENNIS

The ball must be played over the centre line or net with the head, to land in the opponents' court. The ball may bounce once and must be kept in the air. Each time the ball is played into the opponents' court it must be headed.

If the ball touches the ground more than once on either side or lands outside the court a point is awarded to the other team.

Rules may be adapted to suit the ability of the players.

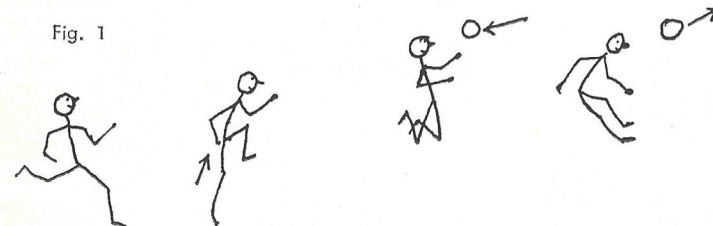
HEADING

There are many occasions when defending players have to deal with high balls in or around their penalty area. Crosses from the flanks and midfield, long throw-ins, corner kicks and free kicks are all situations which pose an enormous threat to the goal.

When jumping to head the ball the following points should be remembered:

- More height will be gained if you take two or three steps into the jump.
- Take off on one foot and bring your free leg and arms up vigorously.
- As your body leaves the ground, arch your back.
- Just before impact with the ball, thrust the top half of your body forwards so that your head makes contact with the ball to give power to the header. The legs will also come forwards to maintain a balanced landing position, as shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1



The direction of the ball may be changed by using your neck to turn your head and bring it forcefully into the ball.

No matter how good you are technically at heading the ball, you must have courage and determination when it comes to winning the ball in the air.

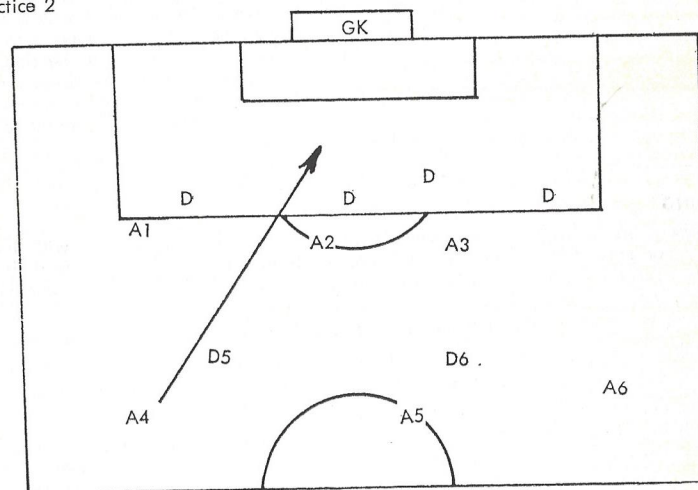
The first thing you must do is attack the ball and be first to it. Move into the line of the ball as early as possible and then move towards it to head the ball at the highest possible point. This requires good timing in jumping and ability to predict the flight path of the ball as early as possible.

Once you get to the ball, go for height and head through the bottom half. The longer the ball is in the air the more time the defenders have to prepare themselves to clear it effectively.

Distance is next on the list of priorities. Head the ball as far as possible away from the goal. The direction of the header should be wide and away from the flight path of the ball.

Remember the following points, attack the ball and head for height, distance and width in that order.

Practice 2



The practice starts when the coach passes the ball to either A4, A5 or A6. They must interpass and look for opportunities to play high balls up to A1, A2 or A3. The defenders have to clear the ball and when they are in possession they have to get the ball through the markers on the halfway line. The practice then starts again.

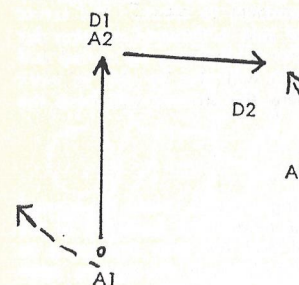
HEADING

Attacking players who are good at heading the ball are a tremendous asset to their team. Players who have this ability can score goals and create openings for their team-mates by heading the ball down to them.

When heading for goal it is vital that the player gets above the ball in order to strike through the centre or top half of the ball. This will give better control and enable the player to head the ball down.

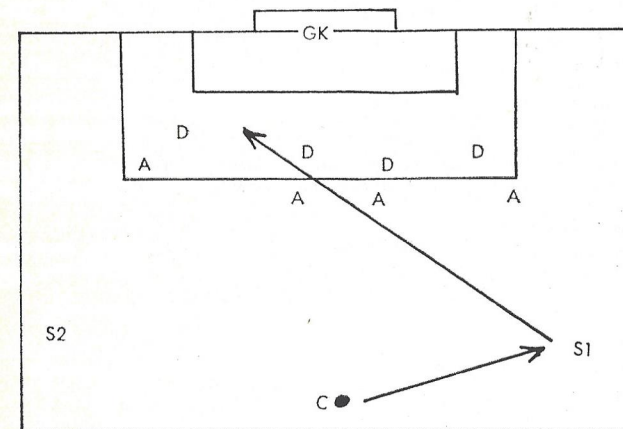
The principles of heading he ball apply to attacking and defending players, but attacking players often have to attack the ball when moving across the line of flight and have to place an emphasis on accuracy.

Practice 3



The attacking players have to get the ball behind the defending players and the practice starts with a lofted pass from A1 to A2. After playing the ball A1 may move into a supporting position. A2 may head the ball to either A1 or A3. At times, A3 may make a run behind the defenders for A2 to flick the ball on. The server should remember to play the ball short of A2 and not at him, so that he can move towards the ball and have the advantage.

Practice 4



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When the coach passes the ball to either S1 or S2 the practice becomes "live." The server must play a high ball into the area and the attackers may either head for goal or lay the ball off for a team-mate to shoot. The server may move forwards but only if the ball is headed into a forward position for him by one of the attacking players. In this way the service may be varied and allow near and far post balls to be played. The coach will also be able to work on the server to play the balls into the areas where the strikers will have the best chance of winning the ball.

RECEIVING THE BALL

When a player decides to receive the ball during a game, there are several techniques which he may use to control the ball. The height and trajectory of the ball will influence how the player controls the ball and the time and space in which the player has to move will either increase or decrease the options open to him. A player may have space to move backwards and receive a high pass as the ball bounces, instead of on his chest. The player may have an opponent behind him or he may want to move forwards with the ball as quickly as possible, in which case he may have to receive the ball on his chest or even head the ball forwards.

The following points should be remembered when receiving the ball:

- Move into the line of the ball as early as possible and then move towards it.
- Relax and withdraw the receiving surface just before making contact. The speed of the ball will determine how quickly the receiving surface is withdrawn.

Once the techniques have been mastered you should practise receiving and deflecting the ball. This is done in one movement and is vital if you want to move off quickly as you receive the ball.

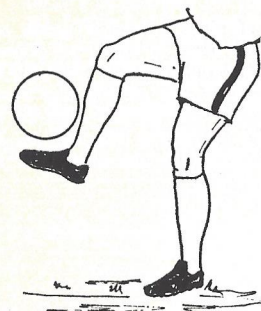
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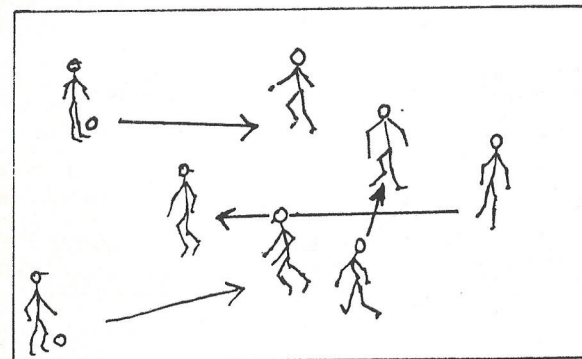
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RECEIVING THE BALL

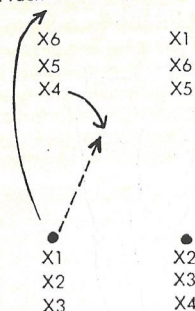
The following practices are designed to develop a player's technical ability when receiving the ball.

Practice 1



The players work in pairs or groups of three and pass the ball to one another along the ground. When a player has the ball he must run with it until his partner calls for the ball, and then pass accurately to feet. The player receiving the pass must get in line with the ball and then move towards it. The players may be given directions in which to move as they receive the ball.

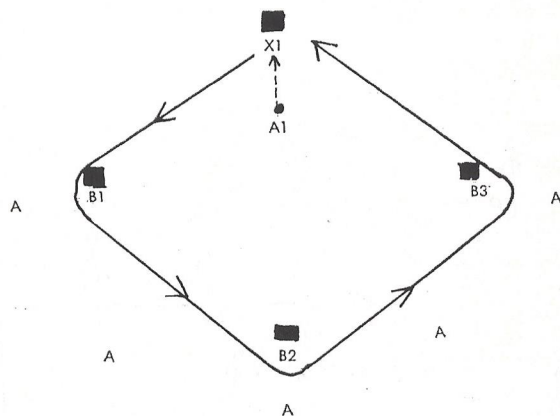
Practice 2



The number of players in each group will be governed by the ratio of balls to players. X4 makes a run to the left or right and calls for the ball. X1 passes the ball to X4 who moves to meet the pass. X1 runs to the back of the opposite file while X4 passes the ball to X2. X4 joins the opposite file and X2 starts the practice by passing to X5.

Practice 3

A1 passes the ball to X1 who must kick the ball forwards. X1 must then try to run around the bases B1, B2 and B3 back to his starting position, without stopping, to score a run for his team. The A team have to pass the ball to one of the bases before the X runner gets there in order to get him out. If the ball goes in the air from the X player's kick the A team may get him out in the following way: (a) By trapping the ball on the first bounce, or (b) Touching the ball twice before it hits the ground. No player is allowed to handle the ball at any stage. The rules may be adapted to suit the ability of the players.



RECEIVING THE BALL

A player in a match is constantly making decisions regarding controlling the ball. The decision of whether to control the ball or not is influenced by several factors, one of which is the position of team-mates and opposing players. Therefore it is desirable for beginners to develop techniques in situations which demand decision making.

The following practices may be used to help players decide when and when not to receive the ball.

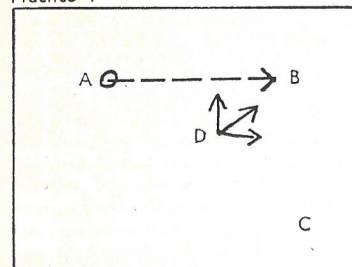
In Practice 4 A passes to B who is challenged by D. When A passes the ball, D may do one of three things.

- Try to intercept the pass from B to either A or C.
- Tackle B if he keeps the ball.

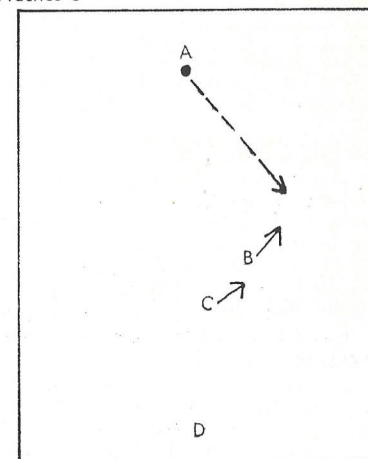
If B decides to keep the ball each time, D may move closer to B, to be in a more threatening position.

A, B and C have to make three passes without D touching the ball. The service may be varied for practice of different techniques.

Practice 4



Practice 5



In Practice 5, A passes to B who is marked by C. A and B have to get the ball to D. Defender C must stay behind B until A passes the ball. One important point for B is his angle of run to receive the ball. If B runs sideways and then goes to meet the pass he will be able to glance over his shoulder more easily to see where C is and decide whether to keep the ball and turn, or pass back to A. It may be necessary to position C several yards behind B to allow him more time to do this in the beginning.

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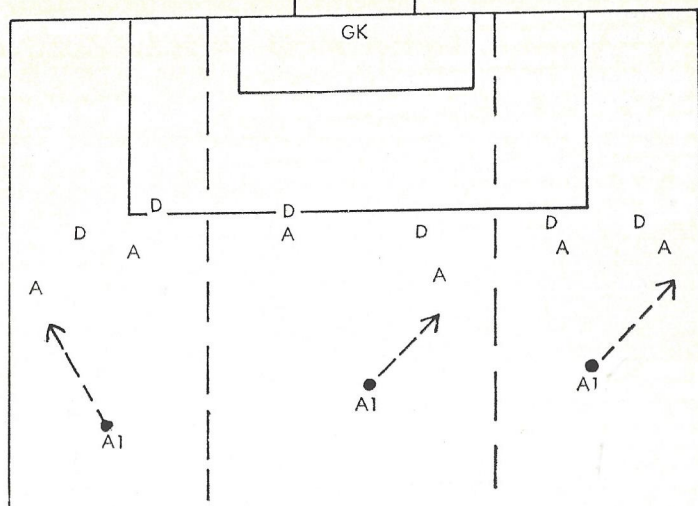
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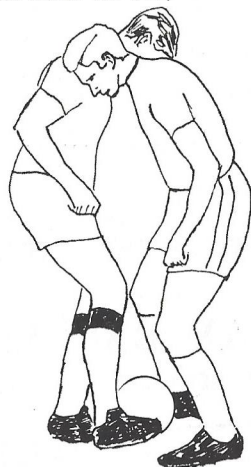


In Practice 6, A1 passes the ball forwards to the attacking players who have to get behind the defenders to either shoot or cross the ball.

TACKLING

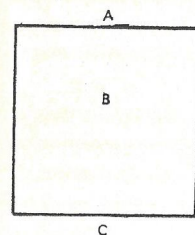
There are several techniques which are used in tackling, (a) The front block tackle, (b) The side block tackle, and (c) The sliding tackle.

When using the front block tackle the tackling foot should be turned outwards so that contact with the ball is made with the inside of the foot. The knee should be slightly flexed and the muscles of the leg firmly contracted. To be in the strongest position to win the tackle the body should be over the ball at contact as in Fig. 1.



Once a player has decided to tackle, and this decision will be influenced by several factors, he should be determined to win the ball and not just impede his opponent.

Players who tackle half-heartedly will not win the ball and may suffer injury as a result. So remember, tackle hard and fairly for the best results.



Practice 1

Players A and C take it in turns to try and dribble past defender B. Players A and C have five goes each before one of them changes with player B. Keep a score and see who wins the most number of tackles.

The side block tackle or the sliding tackle is used when the defender is travelling in the same direction as the player with the ball.

The side block tackle may be used when the defender is able to get close enough to the attacker, so that he does not have to stretch to make the tackle. The non-tackling foot should be placed close to the ball so that the weight of the body is over the ball when the tackle is made, as in Figs. 1 and 2.

Fig. 1

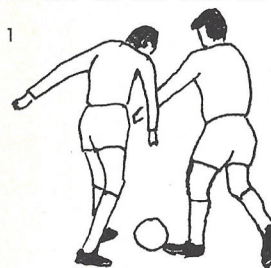
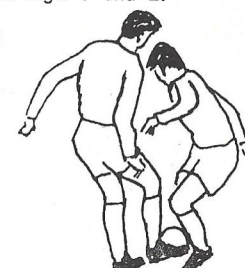


Fig. 2



The sliding tackle is often used as a last resort, or when the ball may be knocked out of play. Sliding tackles should be used with caution because if the tackle is unsuccessful the defender is left on the ground and out of the game.

Figs. 3 and 4 show the sliding tackle and it is important to note that the tackling leg is the leg which is farthest away from the opponent.

One of the most common mistakes is to tackle with the inside leg. Such tackles often result in a free-kick being given away unnecessarily.

Fig. 3

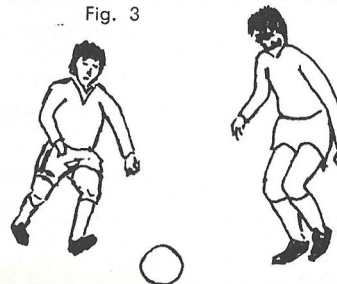
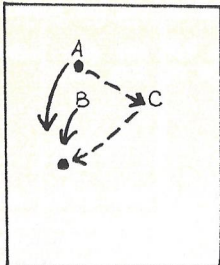


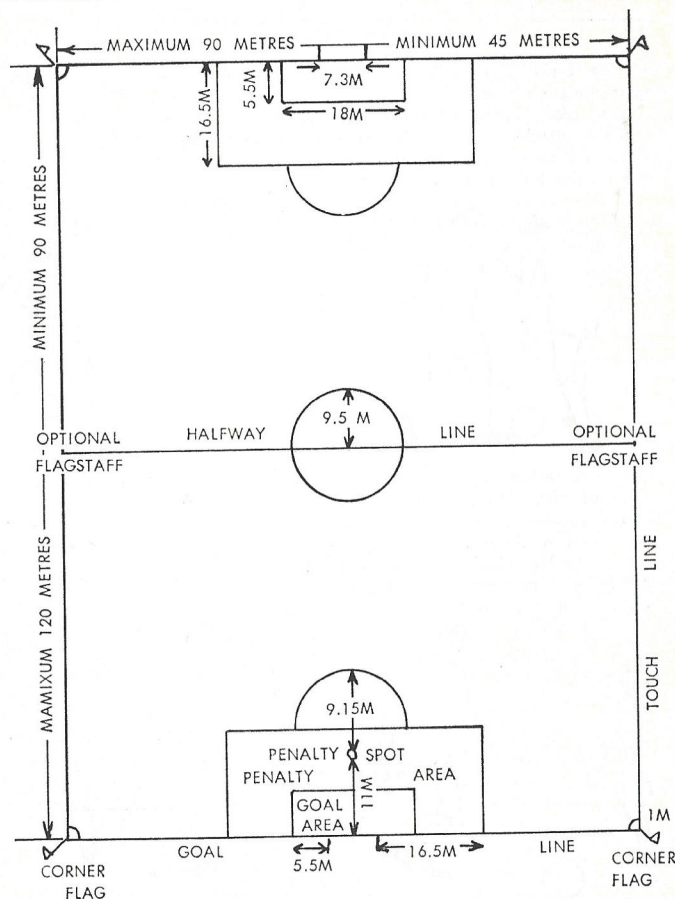
Fig. 4



Practice 2

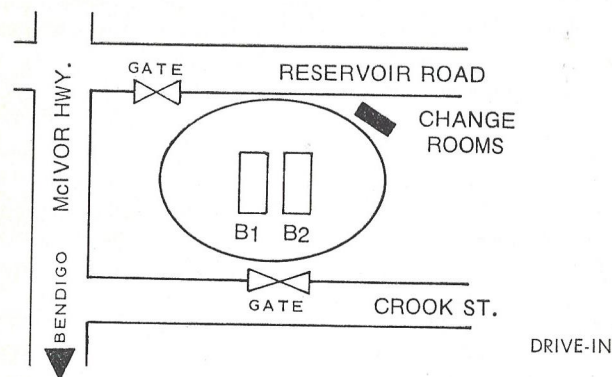


A attacks defender B and makes a wall pass using C as the supporting attacker. B turns to chase A and, depending on his position, he either makes a slide block tackle or a sliding tackle.



CODE TO FIXTURE LIST

- A: ANSETT GROUND (SEYMOUR)
- B1: BEISCHER OVAL, STRATHDALE PARK, BENDIGO (B.C.A.E., GOLDEN CITY)
- B2: BEISCHER OVAL, STRATHDALE PARK, BENDIGO (STRATHDALE, COLTS)
- C: WESLEY HILL OVAL (CASTLEMAINE)
- D: MEMORIAL PARK, DENILIKUIN (DENILIKUIN)
- E: ECHUCA TECHNICAL SCHOOL OVAL (ECHUCA)
- K: KYNETON HIGH SCHOOL (KYNETON)
- P: NEWMAN OVAL, PUCKAPUNYAL (PUCKAPUNYAL)
- T: TRUSCOTT RESERVE, EAGLEHAWK
- SB: EPSOM (SOUTH BENDIGO))



BEISCHER OVAL — STRATHDALE PARK

HOW TO GET THERE

ANSETT GROUND (formerly Chittack Park) A —

When in Seymour travel north on the Hume Highway and turn right on Tallarook Street. Continue along this street and under the railway. Turn half-left into Anzac Avenue which is the main road to Yea. Ansett Ground is on the left hand side after about one mile.

BEISCHER OVAL (B1 and B2) —

This ground lies between Crook Street and Reservoir Road off the McIvor Highway, Bendigo. This ground will be shared by B.C.A.E., Colts, Golden City and Strathdale in 1977.

CASTLEMAINE (C) —

Wesley Hill Oval is just off the Melbourne road. The ground is about three-quarters of a mile along on the right from the town centre. After crossing Forest Creek turn right on McGrath Street and the ground is on the right.

DENILIKUIN (D) —

When coming from the Echuca direction follow the main highway until the start of the shopping centre. Turn right at Mac's Service Station which is on the right. Continue right until you enter Memorial Park.

ECHUCA TECHNICAL SCHOOL OVAL (E) —

When in High Street, Echuca, turn left at the water tower on the corner of Pakenham Street. Turn first right and the Technical School Oval is on your left.

EPSOM (SB) —

Leave Bendigo and travel north on the Midland Highway to Epsom. After passing the Pottery turn right at the crossroads and the ground is on your left.

KYNETON HIGH SCHOOL (K) —

From Bendigo travel through the centre of Kyneton and turn left onto the Melbourne road. Continue for approximately a quarter of a mile. Turn left at Kyneton High School and the ground is on your right. Kyneton could be changing pitches during the year.

PUCKAPUNYAL (P) —

Newman Oval is in the Army camp at Puckapunyal. From Bendigo turn left by the B.P. Garage, then right at the intersection just beyond the M.P. Building. Continue across a bridge and the ground is on the right hand side.

RUGBY SOCCER CLUB —

Shadforth Park is situated at the corner of Prouses Road and Arnold Street, Bendigo. From Bendigo P.O. head north towards Echuca, turn left after approximately half mile into Arnold Street. Go past the Bendigo Base Hospital for another quarter mile. The ground is on the left behind the bowling club.

STRATHFIELDSAYE (S) —

The ground is in the village of Strathfieldsaye. Leave Bendigo on Williamson Street and continue on Condon Street towards Lake Eppalock. Continue for four miles and turn left at the crossroads in Strathfieldsaye village. The ground is on the right behind the village hall.

TRUSCOTT RESERVE, EAGLEHAWK (T) —

In the centre of Bendigo turn off at the Fountain and follow the signs to Eaglehawk. Continue up View Street,

Turn left into Barnard Street and veer right into Eaglehawk Road. Continue along Eaglehawk Road for approximately two miles until you come to the Stafford-Ellinson factory on your right and butcher shop on your left. Turn left at the butcher shop and Truscott Reserve is directly in front of you.

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RESERVE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP 1976

Fixtures for the Reserve League Championship unavailable at the time of going to Press due to uncertainty as to the exact number of teams that will be entered.

LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION — 1977

Arrangements of sections based on final positions in 1976 League Championship.

SECTION A	SECTION B	SECTION C	SECTION D
1 Golden City	2 B.C.A.E.*	3 Eaglehawk	4 Puckapunyal
5 Strathdale	6 Kyneton	7 Seymour	8 Castlemaine
9 South Bendigo	10 Colts	11 Echuca	‡12 Deniliquin

* formerly B.I.T. Soccer Club

‡ new team Deniliquin will take the place in Section D that was hitherto a bye.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Round 1: March 6th

B1	1.00	Golden City v Strathdale
	3.00	B.C.A.E. v Kyneton
B2	1.00	Eaglehawk v Seymour
	3.00	Puckapunyal v Castlemaine

Round 2: March 13th

B1	1.00	South Bendigo v Strathdale
	3.00	Colts United v Kyneton
B2	1.00	Echuca v Seymour
	3.00	Deniliquin v Castlemaine

Round 3: March 20th

B1	1.00	Golden City v South Bendigo
	3.00	B.C.A.E. v Colts
B2	1.00	Eaglehawk v Echuca
	3.00	Puckapunyal v Deniliquin

March 27th — No play due to unavailability of Beischer Oval.

SEMI-FINALS: April 3rd

B2	1.00	Winners A v Winners C
	3.00	Winners B v Winners D

LEAGUE CUP FINAL: April 10th

B2	1.00	Consolation Final: Two losing semi-finalists
	3.00	Winner A v C versus Winner B v D

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP — 1977

ROUND 1: APRIL 17

B.C.A.E. v Colts United	B1	3.00
Eaglehawk v Castlemaine	T	3.00
Echuca v Seymour	E	3.00
Puckapunyal v Kyneton	P	3.00
South Bendigo v Deniliquin	SB	3.00
Strathdale v Golden City	B2	3.00

ROUND 2: APRIL 24

Castlemaine v B.C.A.E.	C	3.00
Deniliquin v Echuca	D	3.00
Golden City v South Bendigo	B1	3.00
Kyneton v Eaglehawk	K	3.00
Seymour v Colts United	A	3.00
Strathdale v Puckapunyal	B2	3.00

ROUND 3: MAY 1

B.C.A.E. v Seymour	B1	3.00
Colts United v Kyneton	B2	3.00
Eaglehawk v Golden City	T	3.00
Echuca v Castlemaine	E	3.00
Puckapunyal v Deniliquin	P	3.00
South Bendigo v Strathdale	SB	3.00

ROUND 4: MAY 8

B.C.A.E. v South Bendigo	B1	3.00
Castlemaine v Colts United	C	3.00
Deniliquin v Eaglehawk	D	3.00
Kyneton v Golden City	K	3.00
Seymour v Puckapunyal	A	3.00
Strathdale v Echuca	B2	3.00

ROUND 5: MAY 15

Colts United v Deniliquin	B2	3.00
Eaglehawk v Strathdale	T	3.00
Echuca v B.C.A.E.	E	3.00
Golden City v Seymour	B1	3.00
Puckapunyal v Castlemaine	P	3.00
South Bendigo v Kyneton	SB	3.00

ROUND 6: MAY 22

B.C.A.E. v Puckapunyal	B1	3.00
Castlemaine v Golden City	C	3.00
Colts United v South Bendigo	B2	3.00
Deniliquin v Strathdale	D	3.00
Echuca v Kyneton	E	3.00
Seymour v Eaglehawk	A	3.00

ROUND 7: MAY 29

Castlemaine v Deniliquin	C	3.00
Eaglehawk v Puckapunyal	T	3.00
Echuca v South Bendigo	E	3.00
Golden City v B.C.A.E.	B1	3.00
Kyneton v Seymour	K	3.00
Strathdale v Colts United	B2	3.00

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1977 (Continued)

ROUND 8: JUNE 5

B.C.A.E. v Strathdale	B1	3.00
Castlemaine v Kyneton	C	3.00
Colts United v Echuca	B2	3.00
Deniliquin v Seymour	D	3.00
Puckapunyal v Golden City	P	3.00
South Bendigo v Eaglehawk	SB	3.00

ROUND 9: JUNE 12

Castlemaine v South Bendigo	C	3.00
Eaglehawk v Colts United	S	3.00
Echuca v Puckapunyal	E	3.00
Golden City v Deniliquin	B1	3.00
Kyneton v B.C.A.E.	K	3.00
Strathdale v Seymour	B2	3.00

ROUND 10: JUNE 19

B.C.A.E. v Deniliquin	B1	3.00
Colts United v Golden City	B2	3.00
Echuca v Eaglehawk	E	3.00
Kyneton v Strathdale	K	3.00
Puckapunyal v South Bendigo	P	3.00
Seymour v Castlemaine	A	3.00

ROUND 11: JUNE 26

Deniliquin v Kyneton	D	3.00
Eaglehawk v B.C.A.E.	T	3.00
Golden City v Echuca	B1	3.00
Puckapunyal v Colts United	P	3.00
South Bendigo v Seymour	SB	3.00
Strathdale v Castlemaine	B2	3.00

ROUND 12: JULY 3

Castlemaine v Eaglehawk	C	3.00
Colts United v B.C.A.E.	B2	3.00
Deniliquin v South Bendigo	D	3.00
Golden City v Strathdale	B1	3.00
Kyneton v Puckapunyal	K	3.00
Seymour v Echuca	A	3.00

ROUND 13: JULY 10

B.C.A.E. v Castlemaine	B1	3.00
Colts United v Seymour	B2	3.00
Eaglehawk v Kyneton	T	3.00
Echuca v Deniliquin	E	3.00
Puckapunyal v Strathdale	P	3.00
South Bendigo v Golden City	SB	3.00

ROUND 14: JULY 17

Castlemaine v Echuca	C	3.00
Deniliquin v Puckapunyal	D	3.00
Golden City v Eaglehawk	B1	3.00
Kyneton v Colts United	K	3.00
Seymour v B.C.A.E.	A	3.00
Strathdale v South Bendigo	B2	3.00

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1977 (Continued)

ROUND 15: JULY 24

Colts United v Castlemaine	B2	3.00
Eaglehawk v Deniliquin	T	3.00
Echuca v Strathdale	E	3.00
Golden City v Kyneton	B1	3.00
Puckapunyal v Seymour	P	3.00
South Bendigo v B.C.A.E.	SB	3.00

ROUND 16: JULY 31

B.C.A.E. v Echuca	B1	3.00
Castlemaine v Puckapunyal	C	3.00
Deniliquin v Colts United	D	3.00
Kyneton v South Bendigo	K	3.00
Seymour v Golden City	A	3.00
Strathdale v Eaglehawk	B2	3.00

ROUND 17: AUGUST 7

Eaglehawk v Seymour	T	3.00
Kyneton v Echuca	K	3.00
Golden City v Castlemaine	B1	3.00
Puckapunyal v B.C.A.E.	P	3.00
South Bendigo v Colts United	SB	3.00
Strathdale v Deniliquin	B2	3.00

ROUND 18: AUGUST 14

B.C.A.E. v Golden City	B1	3.00
Colts United v Strathdale	B2	3.00
Deniliquin v Castlemaine	D	3.00
Puckapunyal v Eaglehawk	P	3.00
Seymour v Kyneton	A	3.00
South Bendigo v Echuca	SB	3.00

ROUND 19: AUGUST 21

Eaglehawk v South Bendigo	T	3.00
Echuca v Colts United	E	3.00
Golden City v Puckapunyal	B1	3.00
Kyneton v Castlemaine	K	3.00
Seymour v Deniliquin	A	3.00
Strathdale v B.C.A.E.	B2	3.00

ROUND 20: AUGUST 28

B.C.A.E. v Kyneton	B1	3.00
Colts United v Eaglehawk	B2	3.00
Deniliquin v Golden City	D	3.00
Puckapunyal v Echuca	P	3.00
Seymour v Strathdale	A	3.00
South Bendigo v Castlemaine	SB	3.00

ROUND 21: SEPTEMBER 4

Castlemaine v Seymour	C	3.00
Eaglehawk v Echuca	T	3.00
Deniliquin v B.C.A.E.	D	3.00
Golden City v Colts United	B1	3.00
South Bendigo v Puckapunyal	SB	3.00
Strathdale v Kyneton	B2	3.00

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1977 (Continued)

ROUND 22: SEPTEMBER 11

B.C.A.E. v Eaglehawk	B1	3.00
Castlemaine v Strathdale	C	3.00
Colts United v Puckapunyal	B2	3.00
Echuca v Golden City	E	3.00
Kyneton v Deniliquin	K	3.00
Seymour v South Bendigo	A	3.00

SEPTEMBER 18 — Reserved for postponed games

KNOCK-OUT CUP

Details to be announced.

First Round — September 25

Second Round — October 2

Semi-Finals — October 9

Final — October 16

KEY TO GROUNDS

- B1 — Beischer Oval, Bendigo (shared by B.C.A.E. and Golden City)
- B2 — Beischer Oval, Bendigo (shared by Strathdale and Colts United)
- T — Truscott Reserve, Eaglehawk
- E — Echuca Technical School Oval
- SB — Epsom
- A — Ansett Ground, Seymour
- C — Wesley Hill Oval, Castlemaine
- P — Newman Oval, Puckapunyal
- D — Deniliquin
- K — Kyneton Showgrounds

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